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SUBJECT: HORMAN CASE CHRONOLOGY (PART 3)

FOLLOWING IS THIRD PORTION OF MISSIONS'S CHRONOLOGY OF HORMAN
CASE UP TO PRESENT. POST WILL CONTINUE REPORTING PERTINENT
DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR.

16 OCT -- POLICE OFFICIAL, TO WHOM FINGERPRINTS OF HORMAN
WERE GIVEN 10 OCT., TOLD CONSULATE THAT NONE OF PRINTS TAKEN
FROM UNIDENTIFIED BODIES MATCHED THOSE OF HORMAN.
MR. HORMAN WAS PUT IN CONTACT WITH A PERSON PURPORTING TO
HAVE INFO THAT CHARLES WAS ALIVE AND ATTEMPTING TO LEAVE CHILE
SURREPTICIOUSLY. (THIS PROVED TO BE A FALSE LEAD.)

17 OCT -- EDMUND HORMAN TOLD CONSUL HE HAD RECEIVED A "CREDIBLE
REPORT," WHOSE SOURCE HE DID NOT WISH TO REVEAL, THAT HIS SON HAD
BEEN "EXECUTED AT THE NATIONAL STADIUM SOON AFTER DETENTION."
HE ALSO SAID HE HAD BEEN VISITED BY "OFFICERS OF CHILEAN G-2,"
WHOSE NAMES MR. HORMAN SR. DID NOT PROVIDE, AND WHO,
ALTHOUGH APPEARING TO BE HELPFUL, WERE REALLY, SAID MR. HORMAN,
"MAKING A SMOKESCREEN" ABOUT HIS SON'S DISAPPEARANCE.

-- CONSULATE GOT HORMAN'S ID CARD NUMBER FROM HIS FATHER
AND PROVIDED IT TO MORGUE FOR ADDITIONAL POSSIBLE CHECKS ON
ANY NEW UNIDENTIFIED BODIES WHICH MIGHT BE BROUGHT IN.

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-- NEWSPAPER ARTICLE, CARRYING PICTURE OF HORMAN, AND DESCRIBING HIS WIFE'S AND FATHER'S EFFORTS TO FIND HIM, APPEARED IN ULTIMAS NOTICIAS, MASS CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER (ARRANGED BY USIS).

-- DCM TOOK ADVANTAGE OF CALL FROM JUNTA PRESS SECRETARY WILLOUGHBY TO INQUIRE WHETHER WILLOUGHBY HAD CHECKED WITH FONOFF, AS HE HAD SAID HE WOULD, ON DISCREPANCIES IN FONOFF NOTE AND BASIS FOR ITS ASSERTIONS ABOUT HORMAN. WILLOUGHBY SAID HE HAD CHECKED AND, VERY CONFIDENTIALLY, WAS CONVINCED FONOFF HAD SIMPLY MADE A MISTAKE. WILLOUGHBY LAMENTED THAT "RIGIDITY OF YOU DIPLOMATS" MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO RECTIFY ERROR. DCM SAID IF HE HAD MADE ERROR, HE WOULD BE FLEXIBLE ENOUGH TO FIND SUCH A WAY. WILLOUGHBY SAID HE WOULD SPEAK WITH THE FONMIN TO SEE WHETHER ANYTHING COULD BE DONE. DCM STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF LOCATING HORMAN AND WILLOUGHBY INSISTED JUNTA GOVT MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO DO SO.

18 OCT -- CONSULATE RECEIVED SEVERAL PHONE CALLS IN RESPONSE TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. ALTHOUGH MANY SIMPLY ASKED FOR FURTHER INFO OR WERE IMMEDIATELY APPARENT CASES OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY, TWO WERE CHECKED OUT IN DETAIL, AS FOLLOWS:

1. A CALL FROM THE UN REFUGEE CENTER REPORTED THAT THEY HAD A CARD ON CHARLES HORMAN. WHEN A CONSULAR OFFICER WENT TO THE CENTER TO CHECK, IT WAS FOUND THAT THE SENIOR HORMAN HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED THE CENTER TO MAKE A CARD ON HIS SON AS A POSSIBLE WAY OF FINDING HIM; AND

2. A CALL AND LATER VISIT FROM A CHILEAN WHO SAID ONE OF HIS RELATIVES HAD SPOKEN, WHILE DETAINED IN THE ESTADIO CHILE (AN EARLY SUBDETENTION CENTER) OR NATIONAL STADIUM, WITH AN AMERICAN WHO MIGHT BE HORMAN. HE ALSO SAID ANOTHER RELATIVE, WHO WORKED WITH NAVAL INTELLIGENCE AT THE STADIUM, HAD SAID THAT AN AMERICAN THERE HAD BEEN SHOT-. THE CALLER WAS GIVEN A PHOTO OF HORMAN AND ASKED TO CHECK BACK WITH HIS RELATIVES TO SEE IF THE PERSONS REPORTED ABOUT MIGHT BE HORMAN. INDIVIDUAL HAS NOT YET DONE SO, BUT CONSULATE FOLLOWING THRU.

-- INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU ASKED MRS. HORMAN TO GO TO THEIR CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICES (TO PROVIDE INFO ABOUT HER HUSBAND, IN CONNECTION WITH THEIR INVESTIGATION). AS SHE WAS VERY NERVOUS AND SUSPICIOUS OF THE REASONS FOR THE REQUEST, CONSUL ACCOMPANIED HER, AND EDMUND HORMAN, TO TALK TO INSPECTOR ROJAS OF THAT OFFICE. ANOTHER SESSION WAS SCHEDULED FOR THE AFTERNOON -- CONSUL'S PRESENCE NOT NECESSARY.

-- COL HON SPOKE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH GEN LUTZ,

DIRECTOR ARMY INTELLIGENCE, COL HENRIQUEZ AND COMANDANTE HERRERA. LUTZ TOLD COL HON THAT MILITARY INTELLIGENCE PREPARING MEMO ON HORMAN'S ALLEGED POLITICAL ACTIVITIES IN CHILE. LUTZ ALSO REASSERTED THAT EXTREMIST GROUPS HAD BEEN OPERATING IN MILITARY UNIFORMS DURING TIME HORMAN DISAPPEARED AND RESTATED HIS BELIEF THAT SINCE ONLY ONE TRUCK WAS SEEN BY NEIGHBORS AT HORMAN HOUSE IT POSSIBLE THAT EXTREMISTS AND NOT MILITARY MEN (WHO BY REGULATION ALWAYS TRAVEL WITH AT LEAST TWO VEHICLES) MIGHT HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR PICKING HORMAN UP.

-- AT 1600 HOURS, DR. LARRAIN, MILITARY ADVISOR AT THE MORGUE, CALLED CONSUL TO ADVISE THAT FINGERPRINT CHECKS HAD IDENTIFIED A PREVIOUSLY INTERRED (ON 3 OCT) BODY, AUTOPSY # 2663 WHICH HAD BEEN BROUGHT TO THE MORGUE ON 18 SEPT TO BE THAT OF CHARLES HORMAN. CONSUL ASKED FOR ALL POSSIBLE IDENTIFYING DATA FOR DOUBLE-CHECKING THE INFO. EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY SENT NOTE, DELIVERED PERSONALLY BY CONSUL, TO FONOFF, REQUESTING AUTOPSY REPORT, FURTHER FINGERPRINT CHECK AGAINST PRINTS PROVIDED BY FBI, AND ASSISTANCE IN GETTING PERMISSION FOR EXHUMATION IN CASE THIS NECESSARY.

-- MR. HORMAN (AT INVESTIGATIONS WITH JOYCE HORMAN) WAS ADVISED OF ABOVE NOTICE BY CONSUL. FORMER THEN ADVISED JOYCE HORMAN. CONSUL TOOK THEM TO THEIR HOTEL. MR. HORMAN SAID HE WOULD ASK FOR HIS SON'S DENTAL RECORDS FROM U.S. MR. HORMAN ALSO INDICATED THAT IF IDENTIFICATION WERE CERTAIN, HE AND JOYCE HORMAN WOULD WANT TO LEAVE ASAP FOR U.S.O

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19 OCT -- CONSULATE CONTINUED TO RECEIVE PHONE CALLS IN RESPONSE TO NEWSPAPER ARTICLES. ALTHO MOST WERE NOT SIGNIFICANT, ONE WAS CHECKED OUT IN DETAIL, AS FOLLOWS: AN ARGENTINE CALLED FROM VALPARAISO WHO CLAIMED TO HAVE SEEN HORMAN IN VINA DEL MAR "DURING THE WEEK AFTER THE COUP." CAP. DAVIS OF USMILGRP, WHO WAS IN VALPO, LATER SPOKE WITH THE INFORMANT, WHO DETERMINED THE DATES OF HIS CONTACT TO BE FROM 11 TO 14 SEPT (BEFORE HORMAN CAME TO SANTIAGO).

-- CONSUL CALLED FONOFF SEVERAL TIMES ASKING ABOUT RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S NOTE OF 18 OCT. WHEN RESPONSE WAS NOT QUICK ENOUGH, HE WENT TO IDENTIFICATION BUREAU WITH COPY OF HORMAN'S FBI PRINTS AND SPOKE WITH DIRECTOR THERE. WAS SHOWN PRINTS FROM BODY AND ALLOWED TO COMPARE THEM WITH OTHER TWO SETS. ALL THREE APPEARED IDENTICAL.

-- CONSUL WENT TO MORGUE AND SPOKE WITH DIRECTOR. WAS SHOWN IDENTITY DATA FROM AUTOPSY REPORT #2663. IT ALL MATCHED EXACTLY WITH THAT OF HORMAN EXCEPT THAT REPORT SAID HEIGHT WAS 1.72 METERS WHEREAS MRS. HORMAN HAD SAID 1.67. FBI PRINT CARD ALSO SAID 69 IN. OR APPROX 1.72 M. MR. HORMAN ALSO SAID HIS SON WAS 69 OR 70 INCHES TALL. ALSO, MRS. HORMAN HAD SAID (ALTHO NOT SURE) THAT HER HUSBAND HAD WORN A WHITE, FLOWERED SHIRT ON THE DAY OF HIS DISAPPEARANCE, WHEREAS THE BODY IN #2663 BORE A BLACK SHIRT. OTHERWISE, CLOTHES AND PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
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WERE IDENTICAL. CONSUL ADVISED EDMUND AND JOYCE HORMAN OF RESULTS. THEY INDICATED THEY BELIEVED THAT THE BODY WAS THAT OF CHARLES HORMAN.

-- WILLOUGHBY AND AMB FERNANDEZ OF FONOFF DISCUSSED INACCURACIES OF OCT 3 NOTE IN SEPARATE CONVERSATIONS WITH PAO AND POL COUNSELOR RESPECTIVELY AND INDICATED THAT FONOFF CONTEMPLATING WITHDRAWING NOTE OR PERHAPS WRITING NEW NOTE FRANKLY ACKNOWLEDGING ERRORS OF OCT 3 NOTE.

-- GEN LUTZ TOLD COL HON THAT IT DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH WHAT MILITARY UNITS, IF ANY, RESPONSIBLE FOR HORMAN'S DEATH. LUTZ OFFERED THOUGHT THAT IF IT HAD BEEN MILITARY UNIT WHICH KILLED HORMAN ON STREET, ITS COMMANDER WOULD PROBABLY HAVE PREFERRED TO HAVE LEFT SCENE AND BODY RATHER THAN TAKING IT TO MORGUE AND HAVING TO EXPLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES ACTIONS TO SUPERIOR OFFICER.

-- EMBASSY ASSISTED EDMUND AND JOYCE HORMAN IN GETTING RESERVATIONS ON BNF FLIGHT FOR NYC 20 OCT.

-- IN EVENING, EMBASSY RECEIVED HORMAN'S US DENTAL RECORD.

20 OCT -- CONSUL CONSULTED WITH MORGUE OFFICIAL ABOUT POSSIBLE USE OF DENTAL RECORD IN VERIFYING IDENTITY OF BODY APPEARING TO BE CHARLES HORMAN -- WAS INFORMED THAT PERMISSION OF MILITARY AUTHORITIES WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR EXHUMATION AND NECESSARY COMPARISON WITH DENTAL RECORDS. CONSUL DELIVERED REQUEST FOR USE OF DENTAL RECORDS IN THIS REGARD TO DEFENSE MINISTRY.

-- AMB SPOKE TO JUNTA SPOKESMAN WILLOUGHBY AND ONCE AGAIN REQUESTED CONTINUED GOC EFFORTS TO UNCOVER ALL DETAILS RELATING TO HORMAN AND TERUGGI DEATHS. WILLOUGHBY INDICATED THAT HE THOUGHT FONOFF HAD ALREADY DECIDED TO WITHDRAW OCT 3 NOTE. HE PROMISED TO PUSH INVESTIGATION.

-- CONSUL ACCOMPANIED JOYCE AND EDMUND HORMAN TO AIRPORT AND HELPED THEM CLEAR CUSTOMS AND IMMIGRATION. THEY DEPARTED SANTIAGO ON BNF 988 ENROUTE NYC AT 1800 HOURS. MR. HORMAN INDICATED HE WISHED TO HAVE HIS SON'S BODY CREMATED AND CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROPRIATELY INTERRED IN CHILE, BUT THAT HE WOULD ADVISE DEFINITELY AFTER SPEAKING WITH HIS WIFE.
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